

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 11, 15, 21, 25 and 26 are currently amended. Claims 3, 4, 13, 14, 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15-22, 25 and 26 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

### Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Son for the time that he spent on the phone with Applicant on May 16, 2006. During the telephone discussion, the reference to Hillhouse was discussed. In the spirit of that discussion, Applicant has amended the claims, as indicated above. The Examiner indicated that, in view of such an amendment, he would have to do another search, but that after such search was conducted and prior to issuing another Office action, the Examiner would call the undersigned to discuss things further.

Applicant is greatly appreciative of the Examiner's time and the Examiner's willingness to advance prosecution in a meaningful and expeditious manner.

## § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,052,468 to Hillhouse (hereafter “Hillhouse”).

The claims have been amended, as indicated above, and in light of the telephone discussion with the Examiner on May 16, 2006. The claims, as amended, traverse the Office's rejections.

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2 **Conclusion**

3 All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant  
4 requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next  
5 anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability,  
6 Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an  
7 interview.  
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